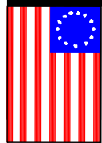


Liberty Wing celebration



The Liberty Wing celebrates Independence Day today and Friday here and at RAF Feltwell. Activities include a carnival, circus, bands, sporting events and demonstrations. The celebration concludes Friday night with the traditional fireworks display choreographed to music.

Schedule of events

Thursday – Hispanic Salsa and Variety Day
 10 a.m. – Five-kilometer run begins at the Lakenheath High School gymnasium
 11 a.m. – Bazaar sale
 Dunking booth begins
 Noon – Pet show
 Family games
 4 p.m. – DJ
 5 p.m. – Circus show
 7 p.m. – Live bands: Snow Boy and the Latin Quarter; The Ray Gaskins Band
 Circus show
 8:30 p.m. – DJ

Friday – Country-and-Western day
 11 a.m. – Food booths, games, carnival and dunking booth open
 Bazaar sale begins
 Noon – Family game
 Birds-of-prey demonstration
 1 p.m. – DJ
 3 p.m. – Chiefs vs. Eagles softball
 4 p.m. – Custom car show
 Live band
 4:30 p.m. – First sergeants vs. commanders softball
 5 p.m. – Harley Davidson show
 8 p.m. – “Young Country” in circus tent
 9 p.m. – Carlene Carter in circus tent: Tickets cost \$20
 10:30 p.m. – Fireworks
 11:30 p.m. – Live Band

Services holiday hours

Normal hours unless otherwise noted

Aero club – Closed today and Friday. Normal flying schedule.

Arts and crafts – Closed Friday.

Auto crafts center – Closed Friday except for emergency tows.

RAF Lakenheath and RAF Feltwell child development centers – 6:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. today; closed Friday; 6:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday.

RAF Lakenheath Community Activity Center – 10 a.m.-9 p.m. today and Friday.

Electric Avenue – 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday.

Equipment rentals – Closed Friday.

Family child care – 8 a.m. - noon today, closed Friday.

RAF Feltwell Community Activity Center – Closed today and Friday.

Fitness and sports center – 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. today and Friday.

Golf course steak house – Closed Friday.

Hourly care day care – Closed today and Friday.

Human resources office – Closed Friday.

Information tickets and tours – Closed Friday.

Knights Table – Brunch, 7 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., and supper, 3-5:30 p.m., today and Friday.

48th Street Cafe – Closed today and Friday.

Liberty Club – Freedom Café, 11 a.m. - 2 a.m., and bars and entertainment, 10 p.m. - 2 a.m., today and Saturday; Freedom Café, 11 a.m. - 2 a.m., and bars and entertainment, 10 p.m. - 4 a.m. Friday.

Library – 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Friday.

Officers' club – Closed today and Friday.

Outdoor recreation – Closed Friday.

The Pedaler Bicycle Shop – Closed Friday.

The Great Little Pizza Place – No delivery service today and Friday.

Swimming pool – 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday.

Rod and gun club – Closes at 6 p.m. Friday.

Shepherd's Grove Community Activity Center – Closed today and Friday.

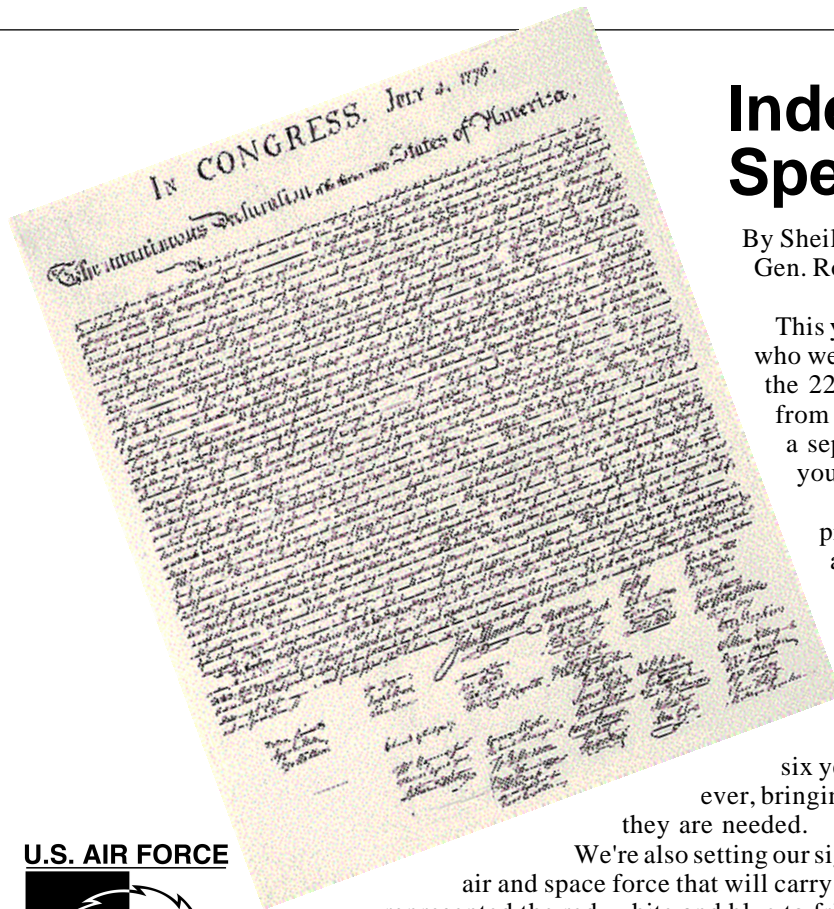
Skating rink – Closed today and Friday.

Youth center – 1-7 p.m. today and Monday; closed Friday.



On the cover

Gary Lankford, son of SSgt. Pam Hall, 48th Fighter Wing Safety Office, celebrates Independence Day in classic American tradition.



Independence Day 1997: Special for the Air Force

By Sheila E. Widnall, secretary of the Air Force, and
Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman, Air Force chief of staff

This year's Independence Day marks a special occasion for everyone who wears an Air Force uniform. The Fourth of July, of course, marks the 221st anniversary of our nation's Declaration of Independence from England. But 1997 also represents 50 years for the Air Force as a separate service, forging a golden legacy carried on by today's young men and women.

We have had five decades of remarkable accomplishment. From providing humanitarian support to the people of Berlin in 1948 to achieving air supremacy above the skies of North Korea, to providing close-air support to ground forces in Vietnam, Americans have always answered the call. Throughout the Cold War we stayed ever-vigilant, maintaining a ready status in missile silos, remote radar sites and alert facilities. In the skies over Iraq during Desert Storm in 1991 we soared in triumph and have continued to maintain an air occupation force for the last six years. Although the Air Force is smaller today, we're busier than ever, bringing food and assistance or combat forces wherever and whenever they are needed.

We're also setting our sights on our next great challenge: the emergence of our dominant air and space force that will carry us into the 21st century. In every instance, our airmen proudly represented the red, white and blue to friend and foe alike around the world.

As we celebrate the blessings of our freedom this Fourth of July, let us be mindful of the life and liberty our forebearers have secured for us, sometimes at the ultimate price. The pioneer patriots who gathered in Philadelphia that steamy summer two centuries ago pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor to the new nation they conceived and delivered. We pledge to do the same every day in today's Air Force through selfless service that preserves the reality of Lincoln's dream, expressed at Gettysburg, that these United States should not perish from the Earth.

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Why is it important to celebrate Independence Day?



TSgt Dung Bui, 48th Medical Group

"I emigrated from a communist country, so (Independence Day) means something to me. Independence Day means celebrating the true meaning of being in a free country. (Coming to America) was an opportunity for me to start a new life in a new country."



Leslie Pittman, University of Maryland field representative

"It's important to celebrate U.S. holidays, as well as British ones, because we're part of the community here. But it's also important to celebrate our own traditions to remind us of our American patriotism, especially when we're stationed overseas."



SrA Larry Milcarek, 48th Security Police Squadron

"It's important to recognize that this is when we won our independence as a nation. It was a big step for the United States."
— SrA Larry Milcarek, 48th Security Police Squadron